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Preface

When we edited *The Future of Local Government*, which was published in 1989, we felt then that the pace of change facing local government was considerable. Nothing has happened over the last five years to change our minds! Indeed because local government has experienced so much change we thought it appropriate to produce a second edited text to provide an up-to-date picture of the emerging system. The chapters in this new book are provided by many of the authors from *The Future of Local Government* along with several new faces. All of the writers have operated to very tight deadlines and in the context of shifting targets in relation to changing policy and practice. The book is as up-to-date as it can be but we hope that readers will bear in mind that most of the authors completed their writing in January 1994. Overall, our aim has been to place the extraordinary set of changes within local government in context and provide some insight into likely future directions.

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